

Human Services Funding Committee / Community Development Committee (CDC)  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING**  
April 7, 2009

*Committee Members Attending:* Paulette Brooks, Jana McClure, Mary Jane Laus, Lewis Rudolph.

*Town Staff:* Roy Rosenblatt.

*Absent Committee Members:* : Claude Tellier, Isaac BenEzra,

*Attending community member:* Patrick McCarthy

The Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant funding was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 beginning at 6 p.m. in the second floor Town Room of Amherst Town Hall. Mary Jane Laus chaired the meeting and called it to order. The purpose of the hearing was to listen to community suggestions for the available 2008 funding. Mr. Rosenblatt explained a summary of the completed 2007 CDBG funding grant. He then explained the allocation of the 2008 CDBG funding. Mr. Rosenblatt announced that the 2009 grant was submitted on February 13, 2009 and the town waits for notification of the award.

Mr. McCarthy proposed the 2008 funds be used to build handicap ramps for the Main Street housing units (683-687). A ruling by the Architectural Access Board (AAB) requires that both the front and back entrances must be accessible by wheelchair. This requires construction of ramps for 2 units, estimated costs between \$15,000 to 42,000. The lesser amount would be needed if a variance for one of the units could be approved.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m.

The Community Development Committee opened at 6:14 p.m. Mr. Rosenblatt updated the committee concerning the Men's Resource Center restructuring. Jana McClure moved to approve the Draft of the "Recommendation on Human Service Funding" as amended. Ms. Brooks seconded the motion. Three votes to approve, one abstention. The Draft was approved as amended.

Paulette Brooks moved to approve the CDC minutes of March 3, 2009. Ms. McClure seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Ms. McClure moved to accept the CDC minutes of April 2, 2009. Mr. Rudolph seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette Brooks